

California Code of Regulations
Title 22. Social Security
Division 9. Prehospital Emergency Medical Services
Chapter 3. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

The Emergency Medical Services Authority is proposing further changes to subsections (b), (c), and (d) of regulatory section 100105. Changes to the regulatory language last made available 2/26/2010 to 3/13/2010 are illustrated as follows:

- Deletions to the 2/26/2010 – 3/13/2010 text = ~~strikeout~~
 - Additions to the 2/26/2010 – 3/13/2010 text = underline
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Article 2. General Provisions

§ 100105. Application of Chapter; Displacement of Services.

(a) Any LEMSA may approve an advanced life support (ALS), meaning Paramedic or LALS, meaning Advanced EMT program which provides services utilizing Advanced EMTs, or Paramedics, or any combination thereof.

~~(b) Prior to considering reduction of existing Paramedic services or a service utilizing Advanced EMT's accredited in the local optional scope of practice by initiating Advanced EMT services within the LEMSA's jurisdiction, the LEMSA shall prepare an impact evaluation report indicating why the continuation of Paramedic services or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice are not feasible or appropriate. An impact evaluation report shall only be required when existing Paramedic services or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice are displaced by new Advanced EMT services. The impact evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:~~

~~(1) An evaluation describing why the geography, population density and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services or services utilizing~~

~~Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice more appropriate or feasible.~~

~~(2) The LEMSA shall hold a public hearing to receive input from the public regarding the displacement of paramedic services or EMT-II services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice by Advanced EMT services. The LEMSA may waive the public hearing if the topic of displacement of Paramedic services or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice has been specifically discussed previously in a different public hearing.~~

(b) Prior to considering and initiating a reduction of existing Paramedic services, or of existing services that utilize Advanced EMTs that are accredited in the local optional scope of practice, within the LEMSA's jurisdiction, the LEMSA shall prepare an impact evaluation report. The impact evaluation report shall indicate why the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, are not feasible or appropriate within that LEMSA's jurisdiction. The impact evaluation report shall only be required when existing Paramedic services, or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, are displaced by initiating new Advanced EMT services. The impact evaluation report shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An evaluation describing why the geography, population density, and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, more appropriate or feasible. In order to fulfill this requirement the LEMSA may prepare a separate evaluation report other than the report specified in subsection (c)(2) of this section.

1 (2) The LEMSA shall hold a public hearing regarding the Paramedic services, or of
2 services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, that
3 may be displaced by the new Advanced EMT services. The public hearing shall be for
4 the purpose of allowing the public an opportunity to provide the LEMSA with written
5 and/or verbal input regarding the displacement of Paramedic services, or services
6 utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice. The LEMSA
7 may waive the public hearing if a public hearing was previously held that allowed the
8 public a opportunity to provide written and/or verbal input regarding the displacement of
9 Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local
10 optional scope of practice.

11 ~~(c) The governing bodies of public safety agencies providing Paramedic services or~~
12 ~~services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice shall~~
13 ~~hold a public hearing prior to considering displacement of existing Paramedic services~~
14 ~~or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice~~
15 ~~providers by initiating Advanced EMT services. The public safety agency shall:~~

16 ~~(1) Give the LEMSA no less than six (6) months written notice from the date the~~
17 ~~reduction from Paramedic or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local~~
18 ~~optional scope of practice is approved by the governing body and prior to the~~
19 ~~implementation date of an Advanced EMT program; and~~

20 ~~(2) Provide the LEMSA with an evaluation report containing the expected impact to the~~
21 ~~type of service due to the reduction in services no less than three (3) months from the~~
22 ~~date the reduction in Paramedic service or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited~~

~~in the local optional scope of practice is approved by the governing body and prior to the implementation of an Advanced EMT program.~~

(c) The governing body of a public safety agency that operates in the jurisdiction of a LEMSA and that may displace Paramedic services, or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, by initiating new Advanced EMT services, shall meet the requirements of this subsection (c). The governing body of the public safety agency shall hold a public hearing prior to considering the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, by initiating Advanced EMT services. The public safety agency shall:

(1) Provide the LEMSA in the jurisdiction in which it operates written notice no less than six (6) months prior to the implementation date of the reduction of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice; and

(2) Provide the LEMSA in the jurisdiction in which it operates with an evaluation report no less than three (3) months prior to the implementation date of the reduction of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice. The public safety agency's evaluation report shall contain, at a minimum, an evaluation describing why the geography, population density, and resources would not make the continuation of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, more appropriate or feasible.

~~(d) If the LEMSA determines that conditions justifying the displacement of Paramedic services or services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice are not justified or feasible pursuant to the impact evaluation report, the new Advanced EMT services shall not be approved. If the LEMSA finds that the new Advanced EMT services are justified pursuant to the impact evaluation, then the new Advanced EMT services may be approved by the LEMSA after the EMS service provider has met the requirements of Section 100126 of this Chapter.~~

(d) If the LEMSA determines, pursuant to the impact evaluations from subsections (b) and/or (c) of this section, that the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMTs accredited in the local optional scope of practice, are not justified or feasible, the new Advanced EMT services shall not be approved. If the LEMSA determines, pursuant to the impact evaluations from subsections (b) and/or (c) of this section, that the displacement of Paramedic services, or of services utilizing Advanced EMT's accredited in the local optional scope of practice are justified and feasible, then the new Advanced EMT services may be approved by the LEMSA. This approval by the LEMSA shall occur after the Advanced EMT service provider has met the requirements of Section 100126 of this Chapter.

(e) Any LEMSA which approves an Advanced EMT training program, or a LALS service which provides services utilizing Advanced EMT personnel, shall be responsible for approving Advanced EMT training programs, Advanced EMT service providers, Advanced EMT base hospitals, and for developing and enforcing standards, regulations, policies, and procedures in accordance with this Chapter so as to provide

1 for quality assurance, appropriate medical control and coordination of the Advanced
2 EMT personnel and training program(s) within an EMS system.

3 (f) No person or organization shall offer an Advanced EMT training program or hold
4 themselves out as offering an Advanced EMT training program, or provide LALS
5 services, or hold themselves out as providing LALS services utilizing Advanced EMTs
6 unless that person or organization is authorized by a LEMSA.

7 NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1797.2, 1797.107, 1797.171, and 1797.218, Health and
8 Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1797.2, 1797.82, 1797.171, 1797.178, 1797.200,
9 1797.201, 1797.204, 1797.206, 1797.208, 1797.218, 1797.220, 1798 and 1798.100,
10 Health and Safety Code.